

**CONFERENCE REPORT—DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HHS, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 3010, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Lewis.

**HURRICANE KATRINA—CHARITIES RESPONSE**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing to Review the Response by Charities to Hurricane Katrina. Testimony was heard from Representative McCrery; Cynthia M. Fagnoni, Managing Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security, GAO; and public witnesses.

***Joint Meetings*****APPROPRIATIONS: LABOR/HHS/ EDUCATION**

*Conferees* agreed on Monday, December 12, 2005, to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3010, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2005**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's spill prevention control and countermeasure program, 9 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Antonio Fratto, of Pennsylvania, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Public Affairs, David M. Spooner, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Vincent J. Ventimiglia, Jr., of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services for Legislation, Richard T. Crowder, of Virginia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, and Jeffrey Robert Brown, of Illinois, to be a Member of Social Security Advisory Board, 11 a.m., SD-215.

**House**

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review Technical Procedures of USDA's Establishment of Posted County Prices, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, to continue hearings entitled "Housing Options in the Aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack, hearing and mark up of H.R. 3197, Secure Handling of Ammonium Nitrate Act of 2005, 1:30 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources,* Subcommittee on National Parks, oversight hearing on The National Park Service Organic Act and its Implementation through Daily Park Management, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina,* hearing entitled "Hurricane Katrina: Preparedness and Response by the State of Louisiana," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the Senate*

9:45 a.m., Wednesday, December 14

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 30 minutes), Senate will begin debate on the motions to instruct conferees with respect to S. 1932, Deficit Reduction Act.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, December 14

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of Suspensions: (1) S. 335—A bill to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act; (2) H.R. 4473—To reauthorize and amend the Commodity Exchange Act to promote legal certainty, enhance competition, and reduce systemic risk in markets for futures and over-the-counter derivatives; (3) H. Res. 409—Condemning the Government of Zimbabwe's "Operation Murambatsvina" under which homes, businesses, religious structures, and other buildings and facilities were demolished in an effort characterized by the Gov-

ernment of Zimbabwe as an operation to "restore order" to the country; (4) H. Con. Res. 294—Calling on the international community to condemn the Laogai, the system of forced labor prison camps in the People's Republic of China, as a tool for suppression maintained by the Chinese Government; (5) H. Con. Res. 238—Honoring the victims of the Cambodian genocide that took place from April 1975 to January 1979; (6) H. Res. 529—Recommending the integration of the Republic of Croatia into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; (7) H. Con. Res. 252—Expressing the sense of Congress that the Government of the United States should actively support the aspirations of the democratic political and social forces in the Republic of Nicaragua toward an immediate and full restoration of functioning democracy in that country; (8) H. Con. Res. 312—Urging the Government of the Russian Federation to withdraw or modify proposed legislation that would have the effect of severely restricting the establishment, operations, and activities of domestic and foreign nongovernmental organizations in the Russian Federation; and (9) H. Res. 534—Recognizing the importance and credibility of an independent Iraqi judiciary in the formation of a new and democratic Iraq. Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 3199—USA PATRIOT and Terrorism Prevention Reauthorization Act of 2005 (Subject to a Rule).

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